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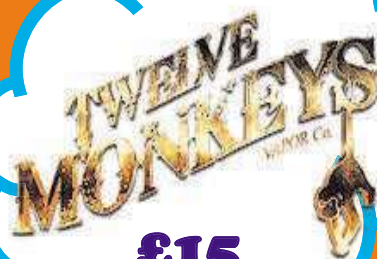


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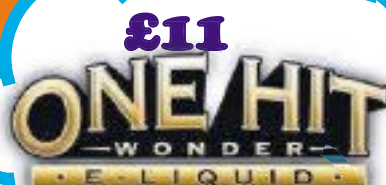
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Family forced out of home by court order

BY NICK SMITH

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A SON who cared for both his parents while they battled cancer will be kicked out of the family home following a ruling at the High Court on Wednesday.

Jack Jones moved into the council house in Duncombe Road, Luton, with his parents in 1997, when he was aged 14.

He now lives there with his civil partner, Phil Town, and Phil's younger brother Jake, who suffers from diabetes.

Jack's mother died in 2012, and his father in May last year, both from lung cancer.

Mr Jones said: "We put our lives on hold to care for them."

"We could have sorted our own place and lives out but we chose to remain here."

Shortly before his father's death, Jake Town also moved into the house.

His parents' deaths left Mr Jones, who himself suffers from depression, in a very weak position as he had no legal right to take over his parents' tenancy of the flat. In August last year – just three months after his father died – the council served him

with a notice. Mr Jones said: "Ever since my dad died it feels like we've been fighting the council. Why should I give up my own home?"

According to the court, Luton Borough Council (LBC) had 'legitimately' decided that Jake Town was 'not a permanent member of the household' and that he was capable of living independently.

Judge Roger ter Haar QC concluded: "In a better world, a tenancy of a two-bedroom property would be desirable in order that Mr Jones and his partner could provide support and companionship for Jake Town."

"However, the pressures on the council's housing stock are acute and hard decisions have to be made."

A spokesman for LBC said: "Luton Council welcomes the court's decision."

LBC added that there is a need for two bedroom houses in the town and that they have offered Mr Jones a one bedroom flat.

Mr Jones' sister, Theresa McKenna, has confirmed that they will be appealing the decision to the council on account of mental health problems caused by the case.



BOOTED OUT: Jack Jones (right) and his partner Phil Town hold a photograph of Jack's late parents

Anger over housing plans on Marsh Farm playing fields

PLANS to build houses on playing fields in a built-up area of Luton have been met with anger by local residents.

Luton Borough Council wants to change the use of just over half a hectare of land at the north of the Lea Manor playing fields, in Marsh Farm.

But disgruntled residents say it is the 'only safe place' for youngsters to play.

A petition calling for the land to remain as a leisure facility was set up and signed by 300 people.

Around 50 angry residents attended a heated meeting of North Luton Area Board (NLAB) on Wednesday night complaining they had not been consulted.

The NLAB members universally rejected the council's plans, and extended the consultation period until tomorrow.

Residents spoke out after the area was deemed 'surplus land' in a council report. Speaking at the meeting, Dawn Boothor said: "I value the Lea Manor fields intensely."

"You keep calling it surplus land but it has always been part of the Lea Manor fields."

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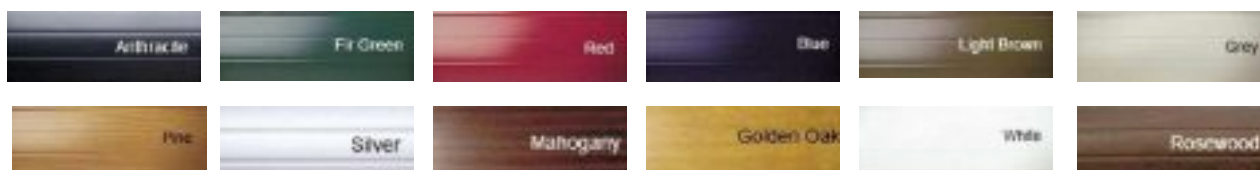


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Editor's Letter



Has the bricks and mortar dream now crumbled to ruins?

AS a recent departee from Generation Rent, I am all too aware of the struggle to secure a deposit in the face of mounting living costs.

Home ownership can begin to feel like an increasingly abstract notion and this week figures showed it had hit its lowest level since 1986.

Various commentators have suggested we need to stop worrying about being king or queen of our own castle; that dream disappeared along with 'a job for life', apparently.

Perhaps we are all romanticising the notion of our own bricks and mortar.

Or perhaps it's because renting can be so dire in this country.

If tenancies were available for longer periods and rent increases more predictable - perhaps Generation Rent would be quite happy as it is.

Sarah Cox

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Court out! The councillors summonsed over tax bills

BY KATY HALLAM
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SIX councillors across Bedfordshire have been summonsed to court by their own authorities for failing to pay council tax in the last five years.

In June, two councillors from Luton Borough Council - Councillor Jacqui Burnett, portfolio holder for people and places, and Councillor Asma Rathore, a former deputy mayor of the town - were exposed for not paying the tax. Now a fresh Freedom of

Information request by *Luton On Sunday* has revealed two councillors at Central Bedfordshire Council and another two at Bedford Borough Council - both members of the executive committee - have also received a summons.

Thirty one councillors have also been sent reminders to pay the tax across the three authorities since 2011.

Henry Davis, campaign manager at the TaxPayers' Alliance, said councillors 'should be leading by example'. He added: "Council tax



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has risen by almost 60 per cent in Luton and 70 per cent in Bedford in the last two decades so taxpayers have every right to be angry that their money is being spent pursuing elected representatives who haven't paid on time."

Data from Central Bedfordshire Council revealed Conservative Councillor John Saunders (Stotfold and Langford) had to be sent a court summons, along with another who has since left the

authority. A spokesman for Central Bedfordshire Council said Councillor Saunders was on holiday when the reminders arrived and later paid in full, adding 'as with all of us, mistakes can happen'.

All three authorities say they treat councillors the same as other residents when claiming unpaid tax.

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Jake Bishop, 20, from Bournemouth, surprised 21-year-old Ingrida at the airport's arrivals lounge last week to pop the question. And thankfully, she said

yes! Mr Bishop said: "She was coming back from Lithuania and I wanted to surprise her."

"She didn't even know I was coming to meet her, let alone propose to her."

Mr Bishop tried to film the big event himself but had to hide his phone in his pocket to keep it a surprise.

As such, he missed most

of the special moment.

He added: "One of the things I captured was this man who was also filming [pictured right]. It would be great if someone could identify him and see if he would share any footage."

If anyone can recognise the man pictured, please email: nick.smith@lutononsunday.co.uk



Man's 19,000 mile trip to fill family tree gaps

BY NICK SMITH

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A MAN is making the journey all the way from New Zealand to Luton to piece together his dad's time in the town.

Bill Thompson, 62, who lives in Te Aroha, will be arriving next month for the first time to see if he can track down any relatives from his father's first marriage.

Mr Thompson said: "In England he married a woman called May Lloyd and it would be great to see if any of her relatives are still living in Luton."

His father, William Arthur Thompson was a Kiwi himself and was working at the Vauxhall plant during the Second World War, overseeing the shadow factory which produced Churchill tanks.

Unfortunately this made the town a target for the Luftwaffe and Mr Thompson's first wife, their young daughter Barbara and son Ian were killed in the August 30, 1940, air raid on the plant, which killed 30 people and injured around 220.

Bill Thompson is one of four children from William's second marriage to Brenda when he returned to New Zealand.

Mr Thompson said: "With my father and his siblings having passed away it



SEARCH IS ON: Bill Thompson was born to William and Brenda (l-r) and he is looking to find out more about his dad's life in Luton

has been a slow process to establish the events of my father's life.

"As you can imagine my father rarely spoke of his first family. I think it was too painful for him, but he told little bits to my older brother, who passed away in 1997, and to my two older sisters and myself. We're only here because of that one incident - it's very much a case of 'what ifs'."

One piece of information he already holds about his dad's former life is that the family lived in Farley Avenue,

which changed its name to Wilsden Avenue in 1948.

Mr Thompson plans to arrive in Luton on September 2, where he hopes to visit the memorial for those who were killed in the 1940 air raid.

Mr Thompson added: "Hopefully there is a happy ending for her family as there was for my father."

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By Sam Potter

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the premises caved in after the incident.

A police spokesman said: "A number of people sustained minor injuries in the altercation and there was also criminal damage to the barbers."

The East of England Ambulance Service also confirmed it was called to the scene, and treated one patient who was taken to Luton and Dunstable Hospital for further medical aid.

The police are continuing to investigate the incident, and have urged any witnesses to call them on 101.

Medical practice to close in 2017

BY NICK SMITH

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MORE than 3,000 patients will have to find a new medical centre after plans to close theirs were revealed.

Moakes Medical Centre in Marsh Farm will shut its doors in January 2017.

John Jefferson, who lives in Leabank is a regular user of the centre and is disappointed with the plans.

He said: "There's another

medical facility in the same building but the Moakes feels like an upgrade in every way.

"It's a new centre, it's only been there for seven years and you can also go there for minor surgery.

"I don't understand why it's being closed; the centre ticks all the boxes."

A spokesman for Luton Clinical Commissioning Group (LCCG) said: "A comprehensive review was undertaken to look at how GP services could be improved to ensure that they deliver high-quality health services and best value for money, and are sustainable to meet the present and future needs of patients, in line with national, evidence-based best practice.

"Based on the review findings, LCCG and NHS England will not be seeking new providers to run Moakes Medical Centre after the contract expires on January 31 2017."

Playing fields 'only safe place' for children to play

■ Continued from front "Each year we have a fantastic event with the fireworks and you [LBC] are taking it away from us."

Leon Dibney, who set up Marsh Farm's only football club last sea-

son, argues valuable playing space will be lost. He said: "Lea Manor already doesn't have enough facilities for football as it needs."

The council still needs the consent of

Secretary of State for Education, Justine Greening, to change the use of the land. The authority insists no facilities will be lost.

But Northwell councillor Roy Davis, who

sits on NLAB, said: "I'm against this plan and I have been from the start. That end of Marsh Farm is the only safe place kids can play, given its openness, and we can't afford to lose it."



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If you are interested in taking part in this landmark event visit loveluton.org.uk/ halfmarathon and complete the form or email: events@loveluton.org.uk

Pool hits back at gender criticism

BY JAMES AVERILL
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OWNERS of an olympic-sized swimming pool have hit back at criticism over introducing 'male only' swimming sessions.

The Inspire Luton Sports Village, in Stopsley, has faced criticism from some quarters after allowing the men only pool session.

One female swimmer said she was told by staff the decision was for 'cultural' reasons.

But Active Luton has hit back – saying gender specific sessions are 'not unique' to Luton. The group which operates the venue added it was 'common practice around the world'.

A spokesman said: "We work closely with

our communities to remove any barriers that may exist which prevent people from taking part in sport and physical activity.

"One such initiative is men-only and women-only activities across our wider programme as this removes barriers to participation for many people for a variety of reasons including confidence, religious beliefs, body image and more.

"Gender-specific sessions are in no way unique to Luton; and are in fact common practice around the world as a strategy to encourage greater participation."

The Sports Village and its pool opened in 2012 and hosted the TV show 'Splash' with Olympic diver Tom Daley.



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Man threatened in family feud over 'love' marriage

A FAMILY feud over a 'love match' marriage saw a man forced to hide behind the door of a Luton shop while a relative stood outside with a large knife shouting 'I want to kill you'.

Algar Shah, 36, of Alder Crescent, Luton denies threatening to kill Khalid Chaudhry

and having an article with a blade at the Pak Food Store in Bishopscote Road on December 30 last year. Prosecutor Neil King told Luton Crown Court on Wednesday there had been a 'family falling out' after Mr Chaudhry's eldest son married Algar Shah's sister.

Mr Chaudhry said Mr Shah came into the shop and told him he wanted to break his teeth.

He was removed but soon returned with a knife threatening to kill Mr Chaudhry, according to the prosecution. The trial continues.

Defendant 'shaking' after alleged attack

BY KATY HALLAM
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A FRIEND of one of the defendants in the Atul Shah murder trial told a jury how the man was 'visibly shaking' six days after the alleged killing.

Darren Spillane told Luton Crown Court Brian Edge - who is accused of allowing two men to 'clean up' at his Harthill Drive flat in Luton after the alleged attack - was distressed when he drove to pick him up from his home in January.

Mr Spillane said he asked his friend of 15 years: "You haven't killed someone, have you?" and his friend replied that he thought he had been involved in 'something like that'. Mr Edge, 56, is on trial



VICTIM: Atul Shah

with four others facing charges in connection with the death of 47-year-old Mr Shah, who was allegedly bludgeoned to death at his Crescent Road flat in Luton in the early hours of January 6.

It is alleged that Kyle Pitchford-Price and Luke West - Mr Edge's step son - attacked Mr Shah with a dumbbell and poured chemi-

cals on his face after going to his home to steal cannabis plants. They both plead not guilty to murder but Mr West admits manslaughter.

Mr Edge pleads not guilty to assisting an offender and doing an act tending or intended to pervert the course of public justice.

Mr Pitchford-Price, of Dovehouse Hill Luton, Corrina Armstrong, 21, of the same address, and Callum Holton of Milton Road, Luton, all plead not guilty to conspiring to rob Mr Shah. Mr West, of Abbotts Wood Road, Luton, pleads guilty to that offence. Pitchford-Price and Miss Armstrong admit conspiring to do acts tending or intended to pervert the course of public justice. The trial continues.



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DOZY PARKERS

Jeepers!

THIS week's submission was sent in by an eagle-eyed reader, who spotted this Jeep Grand Cherokee parked across the pavement on Farley Hill Road, blocking the path for pedestrians.

If you see any dozy parking offenders across Luton, please send in your snaps to editor@lsnmedia.co.uk



Luton
on sunday

READALLOVER



THIS week's Read All Over is with Hatters boss Nathan Jones, who we caught up with on Thursday following one of the final training sessions before Luton kicked off their League Two campaign yesterday at Home Park, when they visited Plymouth Argyle.

You can read more about his grand plans for the team on the right...

BLOGGER OF THE WEEK: Nathan Jones

Town are ready to go

YESTERDAY the Hatters kicked off their league campaign at Plymouth Argyle, but before that we caught up with coach Nathan Jones to find out his hopes for the season ahead and moving further forward, including the potential move to a new stadium at Power Court.



I want to see Luton Town in the Championship in three to four years, that is my aim.

The infrastructure and work that Chief Executive Gary Sweet is doing behind the scenes at the club is superb and in line with what we want to achieve on the field.

That area of the town needs a boost and a successful club, training at a new facility either at Venue 360 or The Brache, along with a new ground, will be a definite boost.

The club is a big part of the community and we want to help the community in return.

To grow, we have to be competitive on the field to attract new players moving forward but my primary focus at the moment is to develop what we have in the squad at the moment.

I'm very happy with the squad we have and am looking forward to the season ahead.

I'm very proud of the team we have and am very proud to be manager of Luton Town.

We've had a good pre-season - six weeks is quite a long time when you're working to a certain goal.

Now the start of the season has come so it's an important time for us and I'm excited because we've done some good work and we've managed to recruit well.

It feels more like my team now, so I'm excited for the season.

Not only have we recruited well, but we've also kept hold of our desirable young players, in terms of Jack Marriott, Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu and Cameron McGeehan.

They've all attracted interest and we've managed to keep those as well as recruiting to improve the squad.

Part of the plan was to get the squad in as early as we could and get everything done by the time we went to Hungary for our training camp last month.

We didn't quite do that, in terms of the two players we brought in afterwards in Isaac Vassell and Jake Gray, but we had enough in place for us to work on our structure and we haven't picked up any injuries so we've gone into the season fresh and ready to go.

It's a hungry squad and we've got good balance within our side and that's credit to the club because we did our due diligence on the players we wanted and, praise the Lord, we've managed to get them.

I really do think the standard of League Two will be really high this season because there are a lot of clubs in there who have recruited well and brought in good players.

I think there are a lot of strong sides who will be very competitive and what we have to make sure is that we're not only competitive but consistent. That will be the key.

Your Luton Letters

on sunday

Attack of the drones

I WOULD like to comment on the proposed Amazon parcel drones. I can't see these things coping too well with strong winds, wind and rain, thunder and lightning.

They could also stop completely and crash land anywhere.

They could even become a target for some... What chance they drop off at the wrong house, an alleyway, on someone's roof or down a chimney!

If you can't be at home the best thing is to go to a hub and pick it up yourself or have it delivered to someone's house. You can do this now.

Finally, how many will be up there at any one time - dozens?

Hundreds perhaps.

Vincent Ludovico
By email



EYES TO THE SKIES: Amazon drones

the hospital is always there for you. It's been very reassuring to my family.
John Tucker
Bracklesham Gardens
Luton

Thanks to hospital

ON behalf of my family, I would like to thank the Luton and Dunstable hospital.

Especially all the staff of the high dependency unit, for their help and dedication in making sure that my mother-in-law passed away in peace and without any pain.

Over the last five years, she has been admitted to the L&D many times.

The ambulance has always arrived in minutes. Every ward she has been on did an amazing job. GPs and care in the community are always fighting against time. That's something old people don't have.

You can't wait five or six hours for the GP to come out. Thank goodness

Sorry is hardest word

LITTER and untidiness issues in Luton covered by your newspaper of 31.7.16, have been staring in our eyes for over many years, and that has resulted in immense reputational damage, which consequently has resulted in loss of inward investment and job creation.

Nationally, both the print and electronic media have laced us with descriptions like 'dirtiest town' in the country.

Obviously an executive was in place during these times, which, failed in its duty of serving the electorate well, especially taking steps to create and maintain a presentable face of Luton.

For that failure, they should offer a

collective apology to the people of Luton.

What appears slightly different today, is acknowledgement both by the ruling group and the opposition that large funds are available to improve cleanliness in the town.

Hopefully, this good news will also help councillors to achieve better tidiness and progress in wards like Biscot, Dallow, Saints and Challney, and they will no more come up with statements like the 'council does have funds to improve safety and health conditions in wards we represent' when responding to queries by the residents.

Still baffled by the comment that these council workers will still be needing help from police and fire service? You will have to forgive me for feeling over-excited.

My council has come up with a plan, which should have been there as a matter of norm.

Akbar Dad Khan
Biscot Road
Luton

Top tip

PLEASE pass on my congratulations to the people responsible for the Tidy Tip in Progress Way for continuing to run such a first class facility.

I had cause to visit them last weekend to dispose of some waste and was again very impressed with how clean and tidy the place was.

I'd particularly like to thank the staff for being so hard working, friendly and helpful.

Ron Turvey
Stanmore Crescent



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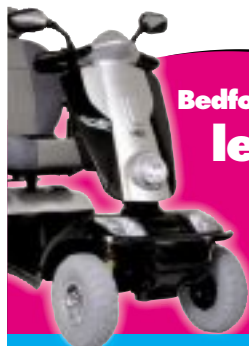
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Travellers set up camp on park land

THE council has begun the eviction process to have a group of travellers removed from Leagrave Park.

Around 20 caravans parked up on the grounds over the weekend.

A spokesman for the authority said: "The council is aware and will be taking legal steps to remove them."

This follows travellers moving onto Power Court, which has been earmarked to be the site for the new Luton Town Football Club stadium development, late last week.



CAMP: Travellers parked up in Leagrave earlier this week

Too scared to go out after Alsatian attack

BY NICK SMITH

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A WOMAN has been left too scared to leave the house after she was attacked by a dog.

The victim, who asked to remain anonymous, said: "I was walking my dog on Coltsfoot Green on Tuesday [July 26] when a big Alsatian came for me and my two chihuahuas.

"It then attacked me and left me with bruises and scratches on my arm before I was



BRUISED: The council received reports of a 'roaming' dog

able to chase it away.

The incident has left her too scared to walk her dogs in the area.

She went on to add: "I'm just thankful that my dogs weren't hurt."

A spokesman for Luton Borough Council said: "We received a call on July 26 regarding a roaming dog that had attacked another one in the Lewsey area. Our dog wardens went to the scene and conducted a thorough search, but could not find the stray animal.

"We were subsequently informed that a dog, fitting the description of the initial one, had attacked a person."

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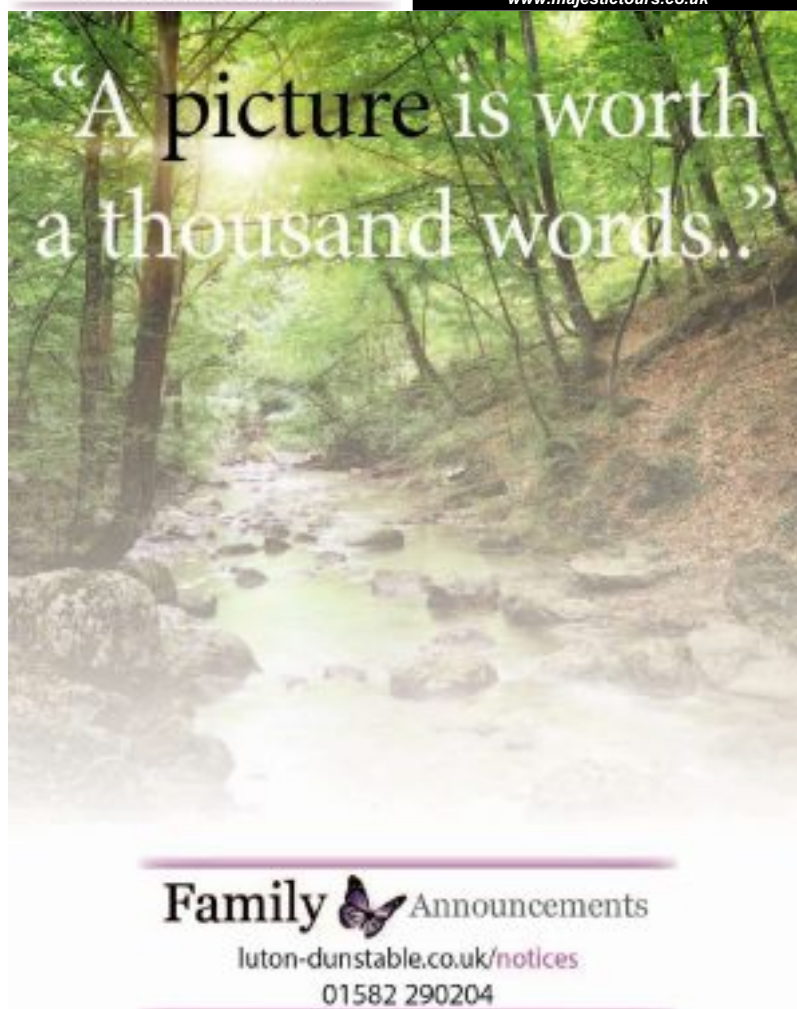
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Big problem with dumps at Downs

BY JAMES AVERILL
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FLY TIPPING at a nature beauty spot is a 'regular occurrence' according to the Wildlife Trust.

A mountain of rubbish including two large sofas was dumped at Blow's Downs – the steep chalk hills rising from the edges of Luton and Dunstable – on Saturday morning.

The incident is not the first, according to Esther Clarke, who is the Wildlife Trust's reserves officer for Blow's Downs.

She told *Luton on Sunday*: "Unfortunately fly tipping is a fairly regular occurrence – it's an obvious nuisance as it blocks entrances, can prove a health and safety danger to the public due to the way it has been dumped, plus as there are grazing cattle on site it can present a danger for the welfare of livestock."

Not only is it a problem at the Downs, it is a source of concern for councils across the region.

This newspaper revealed on its front page in June that Luton Borough Council was introducing a new £400 fine



A LOAD OF RUBBISH: A vehicle stopped by at Blow's Downs to get rid of this pile at the local beauty spot - where it's a regular issue

for flytipping to try and curb the problem.

The pile of litter at Blow's Downs was so large it was visible from the road.

The flytipping itself was witnessed by two people at 10am, one of whom managed to get the registration number of the vehicle involved.

A dog walker also challenged the people doing it but was 'threatened' by them.

Access to the site was through a council entrance

barrier which had a broken padlock - cut earlier in the year by the emergency services when someone had had a heart attack on the reserve.

Esther said the council 'are aware of this' and would also be removing the rubbish.

She added: "We'd like to extend a big thank you to members of the public who report these incidents as it's with their help - as with this incident - that those who fly tip can be stopped."

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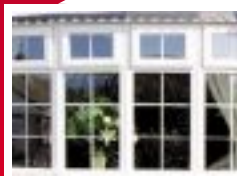
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IN FLAMES: The field fire in Totternhoe, just outside Dunstable, was the second of its kind this week

Danger warning issued after arson in two fields

POLICE are appealing for information and warning the public about the dangers of arson following two field fires in the area this week.

A fire broke out at a field in Totternhoe on Wednesday, where it is believed that a bale was set alight, engulfing the field in smoke.

The blaze in Totternhoe came just two days after a similar incident at a field in Tea Green on Monday.

It is believed the Tea Green fire was started at around 6pm in a field in Stony Lane before spreading quickly and causing damage to 80 straw bales that were on the site.

North Herts Police is investigating the Tea Green fire as it fell on the Herts border.

Chief Inspector Julie Wheatley said: "Setting fire to a field is extremely dangerous – those involved in this could find themselves trapped by the fire. They are also not only endangering their lives, but the lives of others including farmers and people working in fields nearby.

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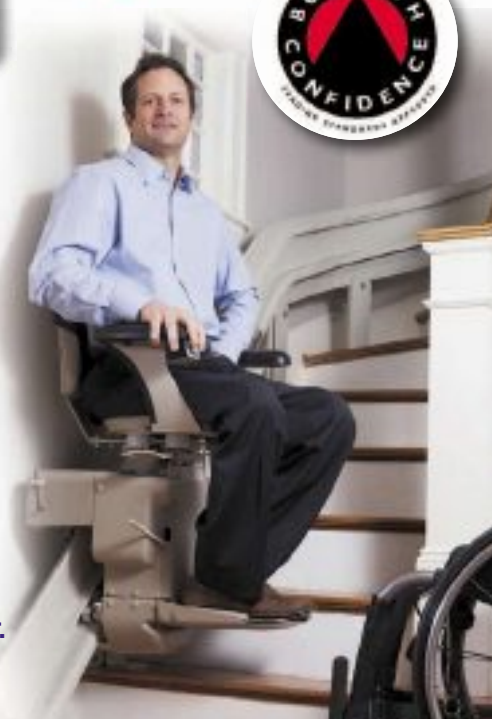
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HOW much do tattoos say about a person? Does having one affect your chances of landing that dream job?

There's no escaping the fact tattoos and piercings are becoming more common – around one in five adults in the UK is 'inked', according to a 2015 survey by AskJeeves.

That number rises to one in three for young people, and this week they have made headlines for potential links to cancer.

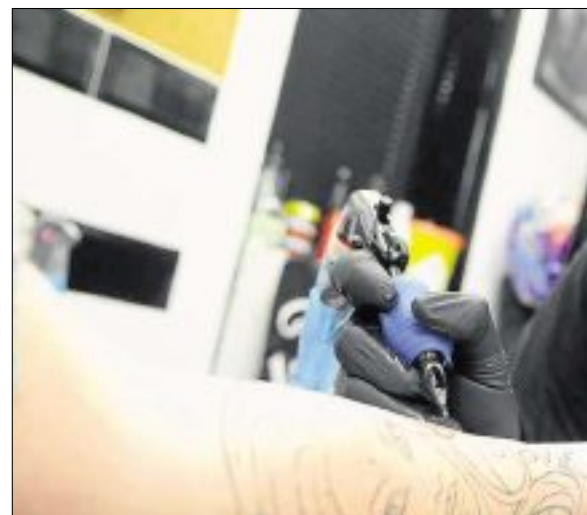
We have all read or heard stories about people asked to cover up, or even being turned down for jobs because of their tattoos.

But is it still an issue in 2016?

Many parlours – including Black Line Fever in Biggleswade – refuse to tattoo body parts which can be seen outside of office dress, because of the perceived effect they have on job prospects.

Juke Tyler, of Black Line Fever, says: "Tattoos have become more socially acceptable, but they are less acceptable in the workplace."

"We don't tattoo anyone's hands, necks or faces unless they have 40 per cent of their body covered."



"Especially with clients under the age of 25, we encourage them not to get tattoos like that because they do affect your job chances because they can't be covered by a shirt cuff or collar."

Should parlours be so concerned about their clients' job prospects?

Not according to one Bedford HR consultant, who believes times have changed: tattoos no longer affect your job prospects.

Carol Scott, who runs her own H R & Business Consulting firm, says that an employee's appearance now plays second fiddle to their ability to do their job.

But admits being able to cover up the tattoo is an advantage.

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SKIN DEEP: Alec Wilson, of Black Line Fever tattoo parlour in Biggleswade

Rebecca Jones, online editor for Business Matters magazine, also believes tattoos shouldn't affect your chances of landing a top job.

"In 2016 I don't think that having tattoos or piercings should be a disadvantage when applying for a high level job," she said.

"Whilst first impressions are important in any instance, and some organisations have a dress code, making a snap decision on a prospective employee based on tattoos would be unfair, misguided and in many cases, I think inaccurate."

WHAT DO YOU THINK?



I'm a teacher and I think it is acceptable to have tattoos and to be able to show them off at work. It is a form of self expression.
Laura Lanson

Tattoos are unsightly and some people find them intimidating.
Meg North

How is judging people on having tattoos different to judging the colour of someone's skin?
Matt Horn

They are terribly common.
Leon Baptist Wright

the job. If you're going for a job in a tattoo shop then of course tattoos are acceptable. But for other jobs, if they're coverup-able then it's neither here nor there. I think now, people don't judge if you're tattooed or not."

In fact, an employer is well within their rights not to hire someone because of visible tattoos.

If you are already employed, dismissal can only be disputed in cases of discrimination.

For example, if an employer only bans one certain type of tattoo because of personal beliefs.

One stand-out story is that of Jo Perkins, a sales consultant from Salisbury who, in 2014, was fired after her boss discovered she had a small butterfly tattoo on her foot.

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On holiday at The Mall

FROM colourful carnivals on the streets of Brazil to the best surfing spots in Australia, The Mall in Luton is taking youngsters on a whistle-stop tour of the world this summer.

Children have the chance to experience different cultures from countries across the globe this month at the shopping centre during its free Go Global event.

Free activities run from 11am to 4pm in the Mall's Central Square each day.

Plus there's also the chance to win prizes in the Passport Challenge.

On Tuesday, children are invited to learn more about Australasia by jumping on a surf simulator and seeing how long they can ride a wave.

Wednesday sees youngsters stop off in Poland, where teams will be helping them to craft poppies - the national flower of Poland - from tissue paper.

On Thursday it is time to take a trip to Asia where children can learn all about traditional Asian cooking.

As well as the chance to take part in an Asian food workshop, they will also be given a temporary henna tattoo.

The fun continues on Friday as the team head to South America and get kids into the carnival spirit with a challenge to make a Rio-inspired carnival hat with plenty of feathers and glitter to go around.

The event comes to an end on Saturday, with children invited to travel all the way back to ancient Egypt.

They will be able learn how to make their own pyramid just like the great Pharaohs of Egypt, and also learn how to write their name in hieroglyphics before they head home.

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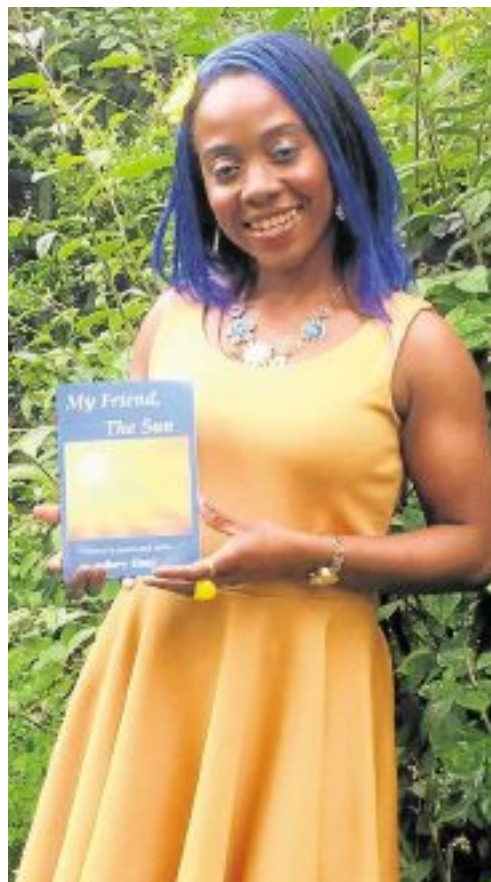
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POETRY



A moment in the sun

LUTON'S own Poet Laureate Mary Emeji is already a shining star of the town.

She's penned six books of poems while also working as a lawyer and holds monthly Poetry Society events to inspire others to write.

Now the local talent is on to her seventh.

Mary has spent three years writing poems about the sun for her new collection - *My Friend, The Sun* - and she'll be signing copies as she launches the latest chapter in her career at Luton Central Library on Saturday, August 20 at 2pm with the help of Mayor of Luton Tahir Khan.

Mary, who began penning poems when she was just 13, said: "I have always felt a deep connection with the sun and nature at large.

"I love to be in the gardens, parks and riverside just to feel the breeze and be kissed by the rays of sun, usually with a cold Italian limonata (lemon drink) and it's amazing how refreshing life can be when you realise how precious the sun is.

"She gives light, warmth and energy to all creation right from the beginning of time.

"I had a unique, enchanting encounter

with the sun in July 2013 and the rest is history.

"I have been writing sunny poems since then and going a lot to Luton's Stockwood park where I have 'dates' with the sun!"

Her first six books include: *The Bond of Love*, *The Love of God*, *Royal Luminosity* (dedicated to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge).

But Mary admits it 'is so much easier' to write now.

She added: "I began putting poems together for the sun three years ago - but I released two other books in that time because

Fundamentality is about finding yourself, Pulchritude is about the beauty of life and nature, and *My Friend, The Sun* is the bright icing on the cake. So I was saving the

best for the end!"

You can pick up a copy of *My Friend, The Sun* in Luton's libraries, the British library, national bookstores and online through Amazon, Waterstones and Barnes and Noble.

Autographed copies of Mary's latest book can be purchased from her website - lutonpoetrysociety.com - at £9.99 per copy.

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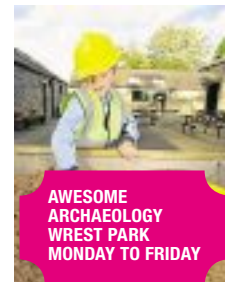
Digging up the hidden treasure

IF YOU'RE willing to get your hands dirty, then you could unearth something special.

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- A visit with entrance to Beamish Open Air Museum
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Located on a corner plot along Stoneygate Road, it is situated just under a mile

away from Legrave mainline station and under half a mile from the M1 Junction 11 making it an ideal location for commuters.

Internally the property comprises entrance, hallway and a spacious 25 foot living room which is decorated to a modern and contemporary theme.

There is a large beech effect kitchen/diner with space for all appliances plus a stunning refitted double shower room with

his and hers stylish sinks and walk-in rain shower.

There are also two well proportioned double bedrooms situated on the ground floor.

To the first floor there are three good sized bedrooms as well as a white bathroom suite.

Externally to the front is a nice sized garden along with a driveway for several

cars. To the rear there is a garden 40x70ft (approximately) along with lawn and decking areas and has huge potential to extend (subject to planning permission).

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Iron Man villain's river view home

IF YOU'RE waiting for bated breath to see the next Iron Man outing starring Robert Downey Jr as Tony Stark, then you may be disappointed.

It has been rumoured that the next film in the series will instead see a woman take his place within the red suit despite the 'Tony Stark will return' promise at the end of the most recent film, Iron Man 3.

One of the actors to join Downey Jr on his final iron-suited jaunt was Sir Ben Kingsley, who in the film plays a clueless British actor duped into playing the evil 'Mandarin'.

This was the latest in a series of high profile film appearances for Kingsley, who is best known for roles in 1982's Gandhi, 1993's Schindler's List and 2003's Ender's Game in which he starred with Harrison Ford. More recent film credits have included a voice-over for 2015's The Jungle Book and the role of Hebrew slave in Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb.

But back in 2006 he was enjoying this view over the River



Thames in central London from the balcony of this two-bedroom apartment next to Hammersmith Bridge. It's thought he bought the property as a bachelor pad in between divorcing his third wife Alison Christmann in 2005 and marrying his current wife,

Brazilian actress Daniela Lavender, in 2007.

The property, which has access to communal gardens, is on the market for £850,000, through RiverHomes.co.uk, call 020 8995 0500.

Home to a future queen

CASTLE Lodge is on website Rightmove as just another property listing among the thousands of homes awaiting a buyer.

And like many of them it has it offers a breakfast room, kitchen, several bedrooms and a sitting room as well as a walled courtyard garden.

But the rest of the description and photos are like no other you'll ever see for sale. The property includes wooden panelling taken from Henry VIII's Nonsuch Palace, a chapel and an exterior that has changed little since its last rebuild, 436 years ago. And it once had a very famous previous owner; Catherine of Aragon, Henry VIII's first wife.

The Grade II* listed property has been restored by a couple



who bought the property 24 years ago after seeing it advertised as offices. They subsequently re-roofed it with 25,000 new tiles and upgraded the electrics and plumbing.

Catherine of Aragon, if she were around today, might approve of its current authentic looks including a suit of armour in the dining room, tapestries, Tudor beaming, stained glass windows and period portraits of herself next to its four-poster bed.

She lived in the property for approximately five months from

late 1501 to April 1502 after her marriage to Henry's older brother Arthur ended. The couple contracted what is thought to be tuberculosis and, while Catherine survived, her husband did not. She then returned to London to await marriage to Arthur's brother and the new heir apparent, Henry, and become queen.

It's place on the Rightmove listing for Ludlow suggest it is likely to be for sale at £1 million or more, but for the exact price, contact agent Balfours on 01743 353511.



Home is going for a song...

In May this year the great and good of the pop music industry gathered to find out who had won the 2016 Ivor Novello awards for song writing.

The Ivors, as they are known, gave out gongs to Ed Sheeran for Best Song, Adele for Songwriter of the Year, Conor O'Brien of The Villagers for Best Album and 2014 sci-fi film Ex Machina for Best Film Score.

But what the hangers-on glugging the free champagne may have forgotten that night at The Grosvenor Hotel in London is who the awards are named after.

For much of the early 20th century Ivor Novello was one of the most famous entertainers in the UK after writing the hugely popular WWI song 'Keep the Home Fires Burning' at the age



including war poet Siegfried Sassoon.

In Wales Novello is particularly celebrated as he came from a musical Cardiff family. His mother was a singing teacher and conductor and it was she who took the young Ivor to London after he had completed his musical training.

The Cardiff house where he was born in 1893 on Cowbridge Road East to the west of River Taff is currently for sale with agent Savills Cardiff (02920 368 930) for £530,000.

It has five bedrooms, a small rear garden, double garage and has been extended recently. It is where Novello was born – in the front sitting room – and is fittingly named Llwyn Yr Eos or Grove of the Nightingales.

of just 17. Despite dying relatively young in 1951 at the age of 58, his many other songs, performances, musicals and life continue to stir huge interest today.

Novello appeared as a character in 2001's film Gosford Park, which was said to be the inspiration for Downton Abbey and there's continued speculation about his sexuality; Novello was gay and had relationships with several men

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The club is Stopsley's newest youth football club and welcomes players of all abilities. The Under 9 team plays in the Bedfordshire Mini Football League and the club aims to promote fun and development through football.

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Director Mark Bowles says: "We're really excited to be supporting Stopsley United and looking forward to seeing the teams play over the coming seasons."



Off to the driving range, Nigel?

AT HIS peak Nigel Mansell was simultaneously famous for being one of Formula One's most exciting racing drivers on the track but also one of its most sensible off it.

While screaming around F1 and US Indy Car tracks at moustache-flattening speeds and regularly dodging death and injury, he picked up numerous wins including 59 podium appearances and 32 pole positions during his 14 years in F1 and five wins in the US IndyCar World Series.

He was inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame in 2005 and voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year in both 1986 and 1992.

Despite his racing pedigree the Worcestershire-born Mansell was also famed for his quiet manner and his almost suburban lifestyle off the track, often jarringly at odds with his peer group.

While rivals such as Andretti, Prost, Senna, Williams and Rosberg quaffed champagne and



posed with pit lane glamour girls, Mansell's PR machine made much of his role as a Special Constable on the Isle of Man, where he still lives and now runs a Mitsubishi car dealership.

He is also a very keen golfer and after retiring from racing in the mid-1990s bought a villa in Mallorca next door to the famous Royal Bendinat Golf Course.

It's within a gated development of 14 luxury villas, each of which share communal gardens and a swimming pool.

Mansell's former villa is now for sale on website www.sell4lesspain.com for 980,000. It has four double-bedrooms, three bathrooms and a terrace with a BBQ and wood-burning pizza oven.



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Dalton Close, Barton Hills £525,000

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Gatehill Gardens, Barton Hills £430,000

Well presented realistically priced four bedroom detached property. To the ground floor the accommodation comprises: an entrance hall, cloakroom, living room, dining room, conservatory, kitchen and utility room. To the first floor the accommodation consists: a landing, bathroom, four bedrooms and en-suite shower room to the master bedroom. Externally there is a good frontage with a two car driveway and garage and an attractive garden to the rear with pleasant views towards Warden Hills. EPC commissioned. Call 01582 847800.



New Bedford Road, New Bedford Road Area £555,000

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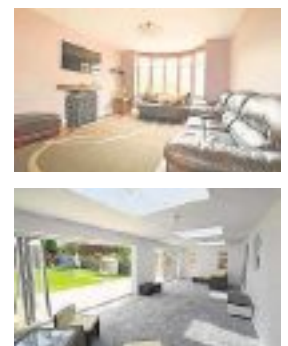
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Westbury Gardens, Old Bedford Road Area £505,000

Immaculate 4 bedroom detached home. The property comprises of entrance hall, kitchen/breakfast-room, rear lobby, lounge, diner. First floor landing, en-suite to the master bedroom and a further en-suite to the guest room with a further two bedrooms, a spacious refitted bathroom. Externally front and side garden, with driveway to side leading to detached garage and personal door to enclosed rear garden. Westbury Gardens is located off the highly sought after Old Bedford Road within the Bushmead primary and Stopsley School catchments. EPC Rating C. Call 01582 847800.



New Bedford Road, Luton £650,000

Extended four bedroom detached family home. With two huge reception rooms to the ground floor and a large kitchen-diner this really makes for an excellent family home. The living room is to the front of the property with a bay window and feature fire place. The fantastic extension to the rear has been beautifully designed and has a light and airy feel with sky lights and bi-folding doors into the rear garden. On the first floor the master bedroom has a recently refitted en-suite shower room. The further three bedrooms are all well proportioned, with two large doubles and a large single. The family bathroom has been refitted with stylish roll top bath. EPC commissioned. Call 01582 847800.



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Well presented and spacious four bedroom semi detached property. Internally the property comprises of an entrance, hallway and two spacious reception rooms. There is a cloakroom and an extended kitchen/breakfast room to the rear. To the first floor there are three excellent sized bedrooms along with a shower room and separate wc and to the second floor a dormer has been added to allow for further accommodation with a 15 foot double bedroom. EPC Rating E. Call 01582 490696

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Kent Road, Dallow Road Area
£249,995

Excellent three bedroom terraced property. Internally the property comprises of an entrance, hallway, living room, 18 foot kitchen/diner three well proportioned bedrooms and a family bathroom suite. EPC commissioned.



Carlton Cres, New Bedford Rd Area **£360,000**

Fantastic sized, significantly extended 4/5 bedroom semi-detached house. Entrance hall, luxury cloakroom, 27ft living/dining room, inner lobby, study and a ground floor bedroom five/playroom. The first floor accommodation comprises of a landing, three double sized bedrooms, one single bedroom, en-suite shower room to the master bedroom and a family bathroom. Externally the property sits on a very good sized plot with off road parking to the front and a very good sized rear garden measuring in excess of 115ft. EPC Rating D.



Constable Close, Houghton Regis
£230,000

Fantastic three bedroom end of terrace. Internally the property is in superb condition throughout and briefly comprises of an entrance, porch and living room. To the rear is a dining area and a fitted kitchen. To the first floor there are three well proportioned bedrooms and a family bathroom suite. EPC commissioned.



Bridgeman Drive, Houghton Regis
£265,000

Fantastic three bedroom semi detached family home. Internally the property is in excellent condition throughout and briefly comprises of an entrance, hallway, cloakroom, good sized living room/diner, fitted kitchen, three well proportioned bedrooms and a family bathroom suite. EPC commissioned.



Carlton Cres, New Bedford Rd Area
£310,000

Well presented and lovely looking traditional three bedroom semi detached house. Internally the property benefits from an entrance hall, lounge, separate dining room, fitted beech effect kitchen and to the first floor there are three well proportioned bedrooms and a family bathroom. EPC rating D.



Wadhurst Avenue, New Bedford Rd
£330,000

Lovely four bedroom extended chalet style bungalow located in this prime cul-de-sac. Three ground floor bedrooms, a cloakroom, a large lounge/diner, kitchen/breakfast room, 20 ft conservatory across the rear and to the first floor there is a 4th double bedroom with an upstairs bathroom. EPC commissioned.



Beresford Road, Kingsway **£360,000**

Exceptional, significantly extended five bedroom semi detached family home. As you enter there is a hallway with a lovely front reception room. The second reception room is over 23 foot long and there is a lovely fitted kitchen along with a cloakroom. Just off the kitchen is an extension behind the garage which is used as a playroom, shower room and store room and is in excess of 40 foot. To the first floor there are five excellent sized bedrooms and a stunning new bathroom suite. Externally there is a driveway, garage, rear low maintenance garden and a brick built out house that could be used as a gym or office. EPC commissioned.



Brussels Way, Marsh Farm
£229,995

Excellent well presented three bedroom end of terraced property. In brief the property comprises of an entrance, hallway, a refitted kitchen/breakfast room, a living room/diner and a large conservatory. To the first floor there are three well proportioned bedrooms and a refitted white family bathroom suite. EPC commissioned.



Wickstead Avenue, Legrave
£279,995

Excellent three bedroom semi detached property. Internally the property comprises of a large entrance hall, front reception room, fitted kitchen, second reception room where the property has been extended. To the first floor there are three well proportioned bedrooms and a family bathroom suite. EPC commissioned.

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Emmer Green, Wigmore
£385,000

Very well proportioned four Bedroom detached family home. Comprising of an entrance porch, large lounge, dining room & kitchen. On the first floor there are four good sized bedrooms, an ensuite shower room & family bathroom. EPC rating D.



Briar Close, Putteridge
O.I.E.O. £310,000

Well presented three bedroom semi detached property. The accommodation comprises of an entrance lobby, lounge, extended kitchen/diner & family bathroom. The first floor has three well proportioned bedrooms all with built in wardrobes and there is also a shower room. EPC rating B.



Cutenhoe Road, South Luton £350,000

Three bedroom semi detached property. The accommodation comprises of an entrance hall, guest cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/diner, three well proportioned bedrooms and family bathroom. The front garden has off road parking for a couple of vehicles. Further scope to extend subject to planning permission is also a strong possibility on this great family home. Good schooling is available locally via Surrey Street Primary School and Barnfield South Academy. EPC rating F.



Red Rails, Farley Hill
£280,000

£250 CASH BACK IF PURCHASED THROUGH INDIGO. Excellent three bedroom family home. Boasting a large hallway, spacious lounge, dining room, kitchen, two large double bedrooms and family bathroom. EPC commissioned.



Little Church Road, Stopsley
£235,000

Lovely three bedroom family home. The property benefits from a hallway with a good sized kitchen, lounge diner. On the first floor there are two large double bedrooms and a good size single and large bathroom. EPC rating E.



Ryton Close, Farley Hill
£240,000

£250 CASHBACK IF PURCHASED THROUGH INDIGO. Three bedroom end of terrace family home. The property consists of a porch leading to the good size lounge, dining area, kitchen. On the first floor is the family bathroom fitted, two double bedrooms and a single bedroom. EPC rating C.



Lyneham Road, Vauxhall Park
O.I.E.O. £290,000

Large three bedroom property briefly comprising of an entrance hall, family bathroom, large lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, two large double bedrooms and large single bedroom, two garages and a further area to extend at the side STPP. EPC commissioned.



Swifts Green Terrace, Putteridge O.I.E.O. £350,000

Modern four bedroom semi detached property. Entrance hall with a composite front door, stairs to the first floor and has Karndean flooring. There is a guest cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/diner, garage has been converted and can be used in a variety of formats, study/playroom. Master bedroom is located benefiting from an en-suite with shower cubicle. Two further bedrooms are located on this floor. The family bathroom has a modern three piece suite with shower and has a built in cupboard. The second floor is where you will find bedroom four which has had a loft conversion. EPC rating D.



Ketton Close, St Annes
£290,000

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Barnston Close, Wigmore
O.I.E.O. £310,000

Extremely well presented three bedroom extended semi detached property situated in a quiet cul-de-sac. The accommodation comprises of an entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge, conservatory, dining room, three well proportioned bedrooms and a family bathroom. EPC rating C.

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Dewsbury Road, Icknield £650

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Old Bedford Road, Old Bedford Road Area £1,900

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Manton Drive, Old Bedford Road Area, **£449,999**

A wonderfully presented and substantially extended four bedroom semi detached home in Manton Drive, Luton. Although the property has been tastefully improved by the current owner the property still boasts some lovely character features such as stripped and stained floorboards throughout the ground floor. EPC RATING E



Sherborne Avenue, Old Bedford Road Area, **OIRO £550,000**

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Lewsey Farm, £194,995

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South Luton, £184,995

A well maintained Victorian terraced house with no upper chain complications. The property comprises of the living room, dining room, fitted kitchen, family bathroom and the two double sized bedrooms. Located within a few minutes' walk from the local primary school as well as the town centre.



Coulson Court, West Luton, £134,995

Within close proximity to Junction 11 of the M1 motorway in West Luton, is this one bedroom maisonette. The accommodation further comprises of living room, kitchen area and the bedroom. Ideal for the first time buyer with good access to local shops.



Electrolux Complex, Chalfney, £249,995

Well-presented three bedroom end of terraced property. The accommodation comprises of an entrance lobby, downstairs wc, living room, kitchen/diner and the conservatory. On the first floor, there are three bedrooms and the bathroom. To the front of the property, there is a garden. To the side, there is a driveway.



Old Bedford Road, £2,300 pcm

This prestigious detached family home provides five bedrooms. Access is via the private gated entry system to the spacious front driveway. The entrance hall provides access to the living room, dining room and the kitchen. Additionally, there is the utility room and the conservatory. On the first floor there are three bedrooms with the master bedroom including ensuite. There are two further bedrooms on the next floor. The accommodation further comprises of family bathroom, side annex and various cloak rooms. There is the wonderful landscaped garden to the rear.



New Bedford Road Area, £419,950

We delighted to offer for the sale this spacious four bedroom detached property in the highly desirable New Bedford Road Area of North Luton. The property comprises of an entrance porch, hallway and a 21 ft kitchen/diner. The garage has been converted to accommodate a reception room to the front of the property and to the rear there is a 22 ft family room as well as a cloakroom. To the first floor there are four well proportioned bedrooms with the master housing an en suite. There is also a family bathroom with a large jacuzzi style tub. Externally there is a driveway for several cars and a double garage to the rear. The garden has recently been landscaped and had newly fitted fencing.



West Luton, £1,200 pcm

Situated in a modern complex is this three bedroom end of terraced house. The property provides downstairs cloak room with wc, living room and the kitchen/diner. On the first floor, the master bedroom provides built in wardrobe and ensuite with shower. There is also the family bathroom. To the side of the property, there is the garage.



Saints Area, £1200 pcm

This rarely available three bedroom end of terraced family home is currently under refurbishment. On the ground floor, there is the living room, dining room, newly fitted kitchen and the storage room. On the first floor, there are three bedrooms and the family bathroom. To the side of the property, there is the driveway leading to the garage.



Hart Hill Area, £1,100 pcm

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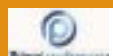
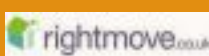
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Site: 46 - 48 Wellington Street
Description: Retrospective planning permission for alteration to shop front.
Application No: 16/01216/FUL **Town Centre Conservation Area**

Site: 15 Manchester Street
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Application No: 16/00405/COU **Conservation area**

Site: 6 - 8 Gordon Street
Description: Conversion and change of use from Night Club (sui-generis) to 8 no. 2 bed flats.
Application No: 16/00943/FUL **Town Centre Conservation Area**

Site: 29 - 31 High Town Road
Description: Change part of shop (no.29) from A1 retail to A3 restaurant and cafe (remaining A1 at no.31).
Application No: 16/01176/COU **High Town Conservation Area (Urban)**

Site: 25 George Street
Description: Alterations to external front and side elevations including cladding, new front door, and display windows.
Application No: 16/01285/FUL **Town Centre Conservation Area**

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V40: UK's safest used car

BY DAVID WHINYATES

THE first ever safety accolade for used cars has gone to the Volvo V40 thanks to its 'class-leading' safety technology.

The Swedish model has been presented with the Co-op Safe Used Car 2016 award – a new initiative by Co-op Insurance designed to highlight the safest used cars typically bought by families in the UK.

Working in collaboration with safety experts Thatcham Research, Co-op Insurance awarded the inaugural trophy to the V40 with Driver Support Pack, which beat strong competition from the Volkswagen Golf and Nissan Qashqai to claim the title.

In order to be in the running for the award – the first to recognise safety in the UK used car market – all the contenders had to have a five-star Euro NCAP crash test rating, CO2 emissions of 120g/km or lower and be available to buy on the second-hand market for £15,000 or less.

The cars were then evaluated further on their crash worthiness, which included ratings for adult, child and pedestrian protection, and the availability of autonomous emergency braking (AEB).

The Volvo V40 received the top rating of five stars in its Euro



NCAP crash test in 2012, and its overall scores are still the highest ever recorded by the safety assessment institute.

The V40 was one of the first cars to have AEB as standard. The system works at speeds of up to 31mph and will automatically apply the brakes if it senses a crash to avoid the collision or lessen its severity. The V40 was also the first car in the world to come with an airbag to protect pedestrians in an accident.

The optional Driver Support Pack for the V40 provides class-leading safety technology, including pedestrian and cyclist detection, adaptive cruise control, lane keeping aid, blind spot information system with cross traffic alert, road sign information, and collision warning with full auto brake which is capable of working at all speeds.

James Hillon, director of products at Co-op Insurance, said: "We are keen to help educate

people not only about car safety, but about what they should be thinking about before they even set foot on a car forecourt.

"The Volvo V40 was awarded the accolade because it is a perfect example of a reasonably priced car that has a large number of safety features as standard, even on older models."

He added: "Where it really shines, though, is in the standard of collision-avoidance technology available."

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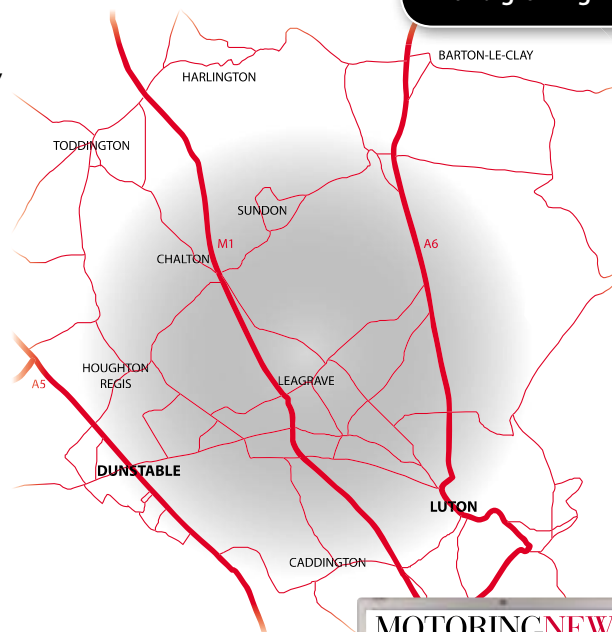
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Peugeot 308 GTi THP 250

Take a look inside. . .

BY MIKE TORPEY

IT'S the plea being made by hot hatch fans since the Peugeot 308 was voted European Car of the Year.

Not satisfied with the warmer GT and GT Line versions of the compact Pug, enthusiasts wanted something a bit more volcanic - like a full-blown fire-breathing GTi.

So the French manufacturer delivered a model, or two, to get pulses racing in the shape of the 308 GTi by PEUGEOT SPORT.

Powered by a 1.6-litre THP stop/start petrol engine, it is up for grabs in two versions - one developing a handy 250bhp, the other an even more sizzling 270bhp.

From the 205 GTi to the latest 208 GTi and RCZ R, Peugeot has sold its sportier models to more than 800,000 customers, a number sure to rocket with this latest dynamic duo.

With exclusive styling front and rear, the 308 GTi certainly looks the part.

It sits 11mm lower than the standard 308 and has full LED headlamps flanking a black radiator grille, its air intake surrounded by sequential LED indicators while two front

spoilers sit below the bumper.

And the theme is continued inside with sports seats, red stitching on the upholstery, door panels and gear lever, and there are alloy pedals, foot rest and gearknob along with a small but chunky flat-bottomed steering wheel.

There's also a 9.7-inch touchscreen, DAB radio, sat nav, Bluetooth and a reversing camera.

Want the full fat experience with extra octane and the GTi comes as standard with a Driver Sport Pack.

A prod on the centre console Sport button switches the display from white to red and shows info like power, torque, boost and both lateral and longitudinal acceleration on the central read-out.

It also boosts the engine's soundtrack and alters the accelerator pedal mapping for a more engaging driving experience.

That's exactly what you get too from a car that's composed on urban roads, grips like a go-kart round country bends and feels properly planted if you open up on the motorway.

Cabin space is comfortable for four and there's a decent size boot.

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Salute to an American dream

By: Ian Johnson

JEEP in the UK is saluting the success of one of its legends during its 75th anniversary. The Wrangler, with looks that echo the tough little wartime Jeep has been given a makeover with some major enhancements with details of a new engine and a raft of enhancements to the current model for 2016. In addition, and to celebrate the iconic 4x4 brand's 75th birthday, Jeep has also revealed details of a 75th Anniversary limited edition Wrangler for the UK. Jeep Wrangler's existing 2.8-litre diesel engine has been updated to meet Euro 6 emission standards while the car has been given a series of important and valuable updates. These include items such as front side airbags, deep tint sunscreen glass, 18 inch polished satin alloy wheels and revised rear axle ratios. The limited edition Jeep Wrangler 75th Anniversary is based on the Overland model, but with several key differences, including unique

exterior styling and part-leather interiors. The Jeep Wrangler 75th Anniversary costs starts at £34,765 for the two-door 75th Anniversary 2.8 CRD auto rising to £36,435 for the four-door 75th Anniversary 3.6 V6 auto. The Wrangler stands for all the values Jeep holds dear, combining the best of off-road ability with some of the core values of a sports utility vehicle. An American answer to Britain's Land Rover Defender. The Wrangler as we know it came into being in and just like the old Willys MB and Jeep CJ, used a separate body and frame with rigid solid axles front and rear. It was launched with and fold flat windscreen and could be driven without doors. It filled the void left by the discontinuance of the Jeep CJ and was later subjected to revision and a complete redesign in 2006. The Wrangler is one of those special vehicles that fueled the American dream and has stood the test of time.



MAINSTREAM MODELS SELLING THE QUICKEST

By: Mike Torpey

MAINSTREAM brands dominated the UK's fastest selling cars both nationally and across the regions in June.

The fastest selling car in the UK last month was the 2015 Hyundai ix35 Crossover in petrol manual form, which took just 19 days from landing in the showroom to being sold, according to Auto Trader.

Vauxhall, another mainstream brand, saw its Mokka crossover find favour with buyers as it took an average of just 21 days to sell, and ranks second in the nation's quickest sellers chart.

Of the country's top 10 cars that shifted out of showrooms in the least amount of time, seven were popular make models. In fact the only premium brand represented in the top 10 was Mercedes-Benz, which took the three other spots with its SLK convertible (third), A Class hatchback (eighth) and E Class convertible (tenth).



The German premium brand also dominated the quickest selling charts in the North West, proving the quickest and taking four other spots, and the West Midlands where it took the top five spots with its A, C and E-Class models

MERC E-CLASS ESTATE PRICES ANNOUNCED

By: Mike Torpey



THE order book has opened for the new Mercedes-Benz E-Class Estate, which will be priced from £37,935 for the E 220 d SE and £40,430 for the E 220 d AMG Line.

Initially, only the diesel-powered four-cylinder E 220 d will be available, with the six-cylinder E 350 d and petrol 3.0-litre

V6 Mercedes-AMG E 43 joining the range later this year.

Pricing for the E 350 d and E 43 will be announced when ordering opens in October.

The E 220 d features a new four-cylinder 2.0-litre turbocharged engine producing 194bhp and offering combined fuel consumption of 67.3mpg and CO2 emissions from 109 g/km. It can reach 62mph from standstill in 7.7 seconds.

For an extra £2,495, AMG Line adds AMG exterior styling with 19-inch alloy wheels in titanium grey, upper dashboard finished in Artico leather, black ash wood trim, brushed stainless steel AMG sports pedals with black rubber studs and a three-spoke AMG steering wheel wrapped in Nappa leather

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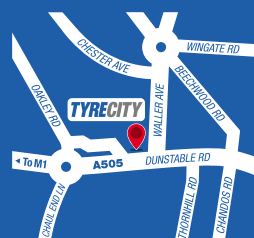
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LATEST CACTUS IS ALL WHITE

By: Chris Russon

AN upmarket version of the C4 Cactus with a pearl white finish is being released by Citroen.

The C4 Cactus W special edition is priced from £18,890 and will be available with a choice of petrol or diesel engines with manual transmissions.

Based on the range topping Flair models the specials have white paint jobs, white door mirror caps and white roof bars with the distinctive Airbump side panels finished in a sandy colour.

Costing some £1,100 more than the standard Cactus, the W specials also come with white 17-inch alloy wheels, darkened

rear windows and are fitted with sat nav, automatic air conditioning and a high definition reversing camera.

A panoramic sunroof is a £425 option as is black part-leather upholstery at £695.

The petrol version is fitted with Citroen's award-winning three cylinder 1.2-litre PureTech 110ps engine which has emissions of 100g/km and with stop/start an official fuel return of 65.7mpg.

The C4 Cactus W diesel – priced from £19,620 – has a lean burn 1.6-litre BlueHDi 100ps engine rated at 78.5mpg with emissions of 95g/km.



SCREEN CHANGE SAFETY WARNING

By: Chris Russon

DRIVERS of cars equipped with high tech safety systems are being warned to double check if they have a replacement windscreen fitted. Safety experts at Thatcham Research say that devices such as lane departure warning systems and emergency braking sensors may need to be recalibrated when a damaged windscreen is changed.

So-called Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) use cameras and other types of sensors which are normally located between the glass and the rear view mirror. Thatcham Research, in conjunction with National Windscreens and Nationwide Crash Repair Centres have now drawn up a code of practice for technicians.

"ADAS systems have become an integral feature on modern cars, with motorists increasingly putting their trust in the additional layer of safety that this technology provides," said Andrew Miller, chief technology officer at Thatcham Research.

"This code of practice is a recognition by the industry that, whilst ADAS technology is helping make vehicles that much safer, it is also going to put a much greater emphasis on ensuring that safety levels remain unaffected following a repair."

He said that motorists must make sure the safety devices have been checked to make sure they work correctly after a replacement and if in doubt should consult their local dealer.

Roadside windscreen fitters also have a responsibility to inform the driver if the safety sensors have been properly calibrated.

Mr Miller said that motorists needed to be aware of the technology fitted to their vehicles and should be encouraged to ask questions to ensure that the technology has been handled in the right way if a windscreen has to be replaced.



Thatcham says that around six per cent of vehicles in the UK currently have ADAS technology and the number is expected to increase to 40 per cent by 2020.

"The industry is proactively putting a best practice framework in place, which should provide great confidence to motorists that their safety is at the very heart of this initiative," added Mr Miller.

"However, motorists themselves do have a responsibility in ensuring they remain safe on the road and they are encouraged to ask questions following any repair to the windscreen to satisfy themselves that the technology on their car is being properly handled. If in any doubt, it's imperative that they consult their own dealer for confirmation."

CAR SALES TO FLY INTO CYBERSPACE

By: David Whinyates

FORGET going to your friendly local dealer – car buying is set to move into cyberspace within the next five years.

The prediction comes from a video company which believes that in the not too distant future the process of buying and selling cars will be done almost entirely remotely using video technology.

Consumers already use video extensively in the shopping process, with 75 per cent of car buyers watching videos to research their next purchase before ever setting foot in a car showroom.

And as smartphone software becomes ever more sophisticated and super-fast technology is introduced, that trend is expected to accelerate.

Motorists will be haggling with dealers, agreeing part-exchange prices remotely and selling cars privately, all using video communication rather than face-to-face negotiation.

The predictions come from automotive video specialist, CitNOW, which has published a paper on the current and future roles of video in automotive business.

Video is already used by the car industry across the UK, with more than 50 per cent of the franchised dealer network using some form of personalised service to help customer relations in both car sales and workshops.

CitNOW CEO Alistair Horsburgh says: "Within five years, the entire process of buying a new car, from researching



different models to agreeing a price and a specification, will be done remotely. Motorists won't ever have to visit the showroom, except perhaps to pick up the car they've ordered." CitNOW's research paper found that, through the use of personalised video, not only were motorists more likely to return to the same dealership for future purchases, but transactions were made quicker.

"It all sounds a bit daunting," says Horsburgh, "but it's the way the whole industry is going. Consumers these days expect this level of convenience, speed and quality of service."

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Lizzie's hopes are put into jeopardy

LIZZIE Armitstead will be going for gold for Great Britain in the women's Olympic road race this evening, after a torrid week that has seen her avoid a ban from UK Anti-Doping for missing three drugs tests.

Watching her interviews from Thursday she looked drained, which begs the question: how on earth is she going to be in peak condition, both physically and mentally, when it's time to compete?

Four years ago, Armitstead started the trickle that led to the flood of medals for Team GB in London by winning silver in the same event and was the favourite to finish on top of the podium in Rio.

Otley's finest was favourite for a reason – she's the reigning world champion after claiming her first rainbow jersey after several near misses in September last year.

She's been especially dominant in 2016, winning four events on the UCI Women's



World Tour, which includes claiming the yellow jersey at the Women's Tour in June.

I interviewed Armitstead after the final stage of this event in Kettering, completely unaware that just over a week before she had missed her third test within the last 12 months, putting her at risk of a two-year ban.

A 'family emergency' was the reason given for this instance, but it was the circumstances behind the first missed test last August that saw her appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) eventually upheld.

Armitstead successfully

argued that she was at the 'whereabouts' she provided UKAD – a hotel during a World Cup event in Sweden – but that the testing official 'didn't do what was reasonable and necessary to find me'.

So despite missing a call because her phone was on silent, this test was declared void by CAS.

My immediate reaction was that she had been rather lucky to have been let off, given how Christine Ohurugou was banned for a year after being charged with the same offence in 2006.

You'd think she would have been extra careful after her second missed test, one that she admits was her fault, in October, which meant she had to go another ten months without a third strike against her.

However, too many jumped to conclusions, saying she must have had something to hide, despite the fact that she tested negative the day after

Sport on sunday



HAPPIER TIMES: Lizzie Armitstead after winning the Women's Tour. Will she be smiling again in Rio?

that first fateful day in Sweden.

Then there's the reaction of her French rival Pauline Ferrand-Prevot, who branded CAS' decision 'shameful.' Given that Armitstead's absence will have been to her

benefit, maybe we can put this down to a vested interest.

Armitstead isn't helped by a combination of cycling still having a reputation as being a sport where doping is rife (despite its efforts to clean up its act) and the whole situa-

tion with Russia that has cast a shadow over the Olympics.

She's free to compete in Rio, but this affair has left her name suddenly tarnished and despite it not ending in a ban this might have dealt a fatal blow to her gold medal hopes.

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Weather prevents Beds from pressing for victory

CRICKET

BEDFORDSHIRE remain without a win in this season's Minor Counties Championship after rain brought an early end to their match against Cambridgeshire at March.

Their opener Luke Thomas had struck a magnificent century to give Beds a chance of victory in what was a strong second innings for the visitors, as he made 101 off 202 balls.

A declaration just after lunch gave Cambridgeshire a victory target of 288; one they looked set to make a decent fist of chasing as Asim Butt and Nesan Jayaratnum piled on 109 between them for the opening wicket.

However, Butt falling off the final ball before tea proved to be the final act as the weather ensured the players were unable to take to the field for the final session, leaving Beds second from bottom in the Eastern Division with one more match to play.

The visitors won the toss and chose to bat and made a reasonable start that saw Ben Howgego make 55 against his former county, but his dismissal triggered a mid-order collapse.

Bedfordshire were 112-2 when he edged Josh Arksey to Cambridgeshire wicket-keeper Josh Bowers and they were to slide to 135-6 from there – four wickets coming at the expense of 23 runs.



ON SONG: In-form Ben Howgego struck 89 in Beds' second innings

Arksey was the man that did most of the damage, as he took an excellent 5-59, with 79 from Beds captain Andy Reynoldson proving important as his team were bowled out for 260.

But the visitors' bowlers were to reply in kind during Cambridgeshire's innings, ensuring their hosts could never get on top.

Ben Slawinski, who was to end up with 3-76, taking the wicket of Butt after an opening partnership of 51 with Jayaratnum was pivotal as his side took wickets at regular intervals from there.

James Williams was to top score with 61 for the home side, but Cambridgeshire's declaration on 248-8, 12 runs behind, left the match wide open.

This led to Beds' strongest period, as Howgego and Thomas produced an excel-

lent first-wicket stand of 134 either side of the close of play on day two.

Howgego, who had struck centuries in his previous two games, reached 89 off 136 balls before he was caught behind off Williams, with Joe Ludlow (4) following cheaply.

But Thomas took up the mantle, completing his first century of the campaign off 199 deliveries, including 14 fours, before being bowled by Chris Pepper. Beds declared on 275-5 just before lunch and the hosts found themselves 109-1 at the end of the following session before the rain denied us a thrilling finish.

Bedfordshire have one last chance to find a victory in the three-day format when they host Hertfordshire at Flitwick, with the match beginning on 14 August.

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Sport on sunday

Blues start their season with a win

FOOTBALL

A SECOND half fightback from Dunstable Town saw the Blues start their season with a win.

Cambridge City went into half time with a 1-0 lead in their Evo Stik Southern League Premier Division clash, but the Blues battled back.

Alex Cathline levelled the tie soon after the restart, before centre half Danny Talbot scored what proved to be the winner just before the 70 minute mark to see The Blues win 2-1.

Barton Rovers were not so lucky in their Evo Stik Southern League Division One Central tie away to Fleet Town, losing 2-1.

Fleet got off to a great start when Danny Williamson opened the scoring after just 16 minutes.

The hosts doubled their advantage in the 49th minute, when James Scott rounded Barton goalkeeper Aaron Fulton for a tap-in.

Barton looked to get back into the game soon after, when Elliot Bailey stepped up to convert a penalty to reduce the deficit.

However, the home side held on to take all three points from the opening day fixture.

AFC Dunstable had more luck, winning 2-1 at Uxbridge in the Evo Stik Southern League Division One Central, with Tom Sildford and Jermaine Hall finding the net.

Boss 'didn't envisage that'



NEW HERO: Luton's Danny Hylton caused Plymouth countless problems

FOOTBALL

BY JAMES CUNLIFFE

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A 'EUPHORIC' Nathan Jones hailed the goalscoring performance of striker Danny Hylton, as Luton beat promotion-tipped Plymouth 3-0, and crowed: "I'm glad he's mine."

The forward, signed from Oxford in the summer, opened his and the Hatters' account in impressive away-day fashion at Home Park to send his new club to the top of League Two after the first day of the season.

"Danny Hylton's performance up front was just wonderful," said Jones, adding: "It's just everything about him. He's a work-horse, he's great around the changing room, he's just a character, he's a different level and we're just so glad we have him. We knew that. That's the recruitment."

"I know people who have played with him, I know what people say about him, I know how he was when I watched games."

"He was that type of player when we were just about to play them [Oxford]. He was a threat, he scored against us and he just ticks boxes for me. I like him and I'm glad he's mine."

Hylton was impressive in pre-season but only managed one goal from the penalty spot and Jones added: "Danny

was clinical [against Plymouth] and I'm glad that he scored because he's actually been beating himself up in pre-season for not being as prolific as he would have liked, but he was outstanding and I thought we were excellent."

Hylton's strike partner Jack Marriott also got off the mark, scoring Town's second goal before substitute Jonathan Smith tucked home an injury time third.

The two forwards are among the favourites for the fourth-tier golden boot this term and Jones said: "I hope there won't be a better strike force in the division, but I'm very pleased with them. I'm very pleased that I have them and no-one else has them."

"The club have done very well to keep hold of Jack and then we've done very well to recruit Danny, so we have to keep those."

"But then we have others that can take the loads off them. It would be wrong to single out a certain department."

On the victory, Jones said: "It's a really good start. There are always results like this on the first day that don't tell true stories, but we are very pleased to have got the result. I'm very proud and probably a little bit euphoric, if I'm honest, because I didn't envisage that, but I wanted to start well."

"I know last year they didn't start well and didn't win in five games but we've put that to bed. Now we have to build on that."

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YOU can keep your surname-based hotel jokes to yourself but Danny Hylton, Jack Marriott and Luton Town are up and running. Three away goals and top of League Two – season openers don't come much better than this.

Plymouth Argyle has been a happy hunting ground for the Hatters' last two campaigns – 1-0 victories in each – but this was better than both of those combined; packed full of promise, purpose and penetration.

But for a shaky start – a cage-rattling opening 10 minutes after captain Alan Sheehan injured his calf seconds before kick-off, to be replaced by Scott Cuthbert – Nathan Jones' new-look side were imperious against a Pilgrims side expected to match Luton as promotion challengers.

"I'm a really proud manager," said the Town boss, adding: "We were the better side, have no doubt about it. We had the better chances, we had clear-cut chances and, from start to finish, they were outstanding."

"The work-rate, the desire to do well, the desire to defend, was superb and that's what I'm proud of. We weren't fluent but we showed we have other facets to us. It should have been more. I'm not speaking after the fact but I thought we were excellent – a real top-class away performance."

Chief architect of that was Hylton, who bullied and harassed the hosts and gave the Hatters an anchor point to steady themselves



BRILLIANT BEGINNING: Luton's players celebrate Jack Marriott's goal in front of their supporters

and then take charge.

The striker opened his account on 50 minutes, which was no more than he deserved, and it was celebrated in song – "super Danny Hylton" – from 1,094 rapturous Town fans, sat right in front his thumping volley. Instant adoration.

Then Marriott doubled the lead on 69

minutes with pace and a finish of unerring confidence. He's a man that loves Home Park, after his winner here last term.

So comfortable were Luton that, not only did they survive an additional six minutes, minus Dan Potts – sent off harshly in the 89th minute for a second bookable offence – they went on to notch a third.

Jonathan Smith had only been introduced as an 88th minute substitute when he squirmed the ball beneath Argyle keeper Luke McCormick. The man who teed him up? Hylton. A clear man-of-the-match among a group of players, none of whom were marked below an eight out of 10.

The former Oxford hitman was one of four Town debutants in a starting 11 with an average age of 24 years, while the Pilgrims handed seven players their bows. The hosts looked a good outfit for 10 minutes after the pre-kick-off Sheehan drama, but though Luton bent, they didn't break. And, once they settled into a rhythm, the groove stuck.

If anything, as Jones assessed, they should have won by a greater margin as Glen Rea and Johnny Mullins both headed high and wide in a goalless first half and Marriott was thwarted by McCormick in the second.

An off-target David Goodwillie overhead kick Graham Carey free-kick was all the hosts had to show for their first 45 minutes.

Luton upped the ante after the interval and, five minutes later, Town took a deserved lead. Marriott should have connected with Stephen O'Donnell's cross, but his loss was Hylton's gain and as the frontman pounced on the loose ball to open his Hatters account.

Not to be outdone, Marriott clinically finished off a Cameron McGeehan through-ball, turning on the afterburners and caressing past McCormick.

After Argyle striker Jimmy Spencer squandered a chance to half the deficit, Luton made them pay even more.

First Cuthbert – magnificent after his last-second call-up – almost added a third and, though Potts got his marching orders, Smith did score, rounding off a stunning first day of the season. May they all be like this.

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